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IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Mrs. Ellery C. Park is spending some time in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Imogene Wilson visited Mrs. Vitella Crosby Wednesday.

Mrs. Leale Davis returned Tuesday from the Bath hospital.

Nikki McMillin, who has been a surgical patient at the Rumford hospital, returned home Sunday.

Pamela and Ronald Quimby of Raymond, N. H., visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scothorne and son were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Scothorne at Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Rice had as guests Saturday evening her niece of Locke Mills and friend from Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Enman and two daughters of Wiscasset spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Nichols moved from Chappaqua, N. Y., to their new home on the Mayville road last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Briggs of Auburn and Errol Donahue of Winthrop were Sunday guests at E. O. Donahue's.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Rice had for Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. C. Everett Cross and Mrs. Ethel E. Cross of Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. William Von Zint, Miss Laura Inman and Miss Geneva Johnston left this week for a month's trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Vachon and son Paul were called to Rochester, N. H., Wednesday morning by the death of his mother.

Mrs. Raymond Dexter, accompanied by Mrs. Ada Balentine of West Paris, was in Togus Wednesday to assist at the Gift Shop.

William Valentine, who has been spending some time with his brother, Charles Valentine, returned Saturday to his home in Philadelphia.

Oxford County Council, American Legion, will meet here Tuesday evening, Dec. 13. State Commander Irwin David is expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter, Roscoe Swain, Edward Carter, Arthur Curtis, George Brown and Winfield Robertson have left for Bingham where they have work for the winter.

Sgt. Phillion Billington, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Billington, is visiting his parents at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Glenn Murphy, Sgt. Billington's wife and son from California will join him here.

Mrs. Norma R. Jodrey, D. D. P. and Miss Beatrice Brown, D. D. M. District No. 7, Rebekah Lodges of Maine, and Mrs. Katherine Bennett visited Good Faith Rebekah Lodge, Buckfield, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Francis Noyes was honored guest at a dinner party Friday evening in observance of her birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cummings at Locke Mills. The party also included Mr. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morten Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keoske.

Mrs. Paul C. Thurston, chairman of the Bethel Christmas Seal committee, reports that to date \$154 has been received from 131 donors. Nineteen people have returned seals without money. Seals were sent to 343 families in Bethel direct from the Augusta office, thus far not quite half have been heard from.

Mrs. Joseph Perry was honored at a surprise shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earl Davis, Saturday evening. Present were Mrs. Earle Enman, Miss Erlene Enman, and Mrs. Herbert Enman, Rumford; Mrs. Everett Enman, Wiscasset; Mrs. Leon Enman, Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Miss Margery Rowe, and Mrs. Robert Keniston, Bethel.

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GOULD ACADEMY HONOR ROLL SECOND RANKING PERIOD

Seniors. Honors—Marlowe Farum 1, Marilyn Juddins 2, Joe Kneeland 1, Alfred Norton 1, Merle Noyes 1, Theodore Roussin 1, Charles Smith 2, Doris Sturtevant 2. Certificates—Jane Bean 2, Roberta Buck 1, Marguerite Cotton 2, Nancy Crane 2, Cynthia Dunham 2, Aldana Dyer 2, Mary Goodnow 2, Ronald Kendall 1, Richard Klein 1, Linwood Newell 2, David Payor 1, Dorothy Spinney 1, Simone Thomas 1, Doris Wermenchuk 2, Maureen Witter 1.

Juniors. Honors—Rosemary Kelley 2, Robert Norris 2, Nancy Van 1. Laura Wilson 1. Certificates—Theodore Chadbourn 1, Norman Lowell 1, John Mason 2, Joan Renwick 2, Sally Robinson 2, Joy Smith 2, Lorraine Swan 2.

Sophomores. Honors—Carol Barton 2, Donald Bennett 1, John Willard 2. Certificates—Carolyn Brown 2, Sally Brown 1, William Clark 2, Alden Gordon 2, Kathryn Knowles 2, Philip Lovejoy 1, Marilyn Mace 2, Robert Patterson 1, Patricia Rolfe 2, Frederick Smith 2, Mary Stevens 2, Kathryn Wilson 2.

Freshmen. Honors—Paul Bartlett 1, Beverly Lurvey 2. Certificates—Erwin Bacon 2, Arlene Bennett 1, Dean Bennett 2, Barbara Brown 2, Carolyn Brown 2, Ted Clark 1, Barbara Cole 2, Mary Coolidge 2, Richard Emery 2, Clara Foster 2, Sharon Gallant 2, Edward Hastings 2, Susan Kneeland 2, Eleanor Mason 2, Marie Mills 2, Lala Polkey 2, Lorraine Stock 1, Beatrice Stevens 2, Henrietta Swain 2, Beth Swan 2, Corice Wermenchuk 1.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Table, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual—National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

The next Presidential election is a long way off, but the politicians of both parties are busy building their fences and cultivating their fields. The national, state and local organizations are doing the usual groundwork—and, incidentally, finding the usual difficulties in raising as much money as they think they should have.

Some men high in Republican circles think that their party must make a come back next time if it is to survive as one of the two major political forces. So far, the GOP hasn't had much to cheer about. The New York Senatorial election is in point. The Republicans put their best foot forward in John Foster Dulles, who is a world statesman of very high order. The party, including Governor Dewey, went all out in the effort to elect him. The Democrats had a very strong candidate in Herbert Lehman, who had made a fine record as governor. Mr. Lehman endorsed the Truman program—with one or two exceptions, such as the Brannan farm plan—and won. It was a severe setback for the Republicans.

Even so, the Republicans did make a good showing. Mr. Dulles is nowhere near as well known to the rank and file of voters as Mr. Lehman. Yet the latter's majority was less than 200,000, in an election in which a very large vote was cast.

The biggest test, it is generally felt, will come in Ohio next year, when Senator Taft must run again for his seat. Mr. Taft wishes to be the 1952 Presidential candidate. He is the outstanding Republican now in Congress, and has the strongest influence in guiding party policies and tactics. His differences with the opposition are clear-cut. He is passionately opposed to the welfare state, and to the Truman program in general. He is, therefore, one of the few top Republicans who could run against Truman, or another Democrat holding Truman views, and a positive program of his own. He would not adopt the "me too" attitude which brought so much criticism on Governor Dewey last time.

There is a revival of speculation concerning General Eisenhower as the GOP candidate. It is said that he has wearied of his work at Columbia, and has developed a new interest in public service. His vast prestige and public following would make him about as formidable a candidate as can be imagined.

A tough Republican problem is how to offset Democratic strength in the great centers of population. In the New York race, for instance, Mr. Lehman carried only five counties, and four of these were in New York City. Mr. Dulles carried the rest. But the big majority Mr. Lehman piled up in the city

FRED F. BEAN

Fred Freeman Bean passed away last Thursday morning, Dec. 1, at his home on the Locke Mills road. He had been ill since last June. He was born in Hanover Feb. 18, 1861, the son of Peter Y. and Mary Gildden Bean. He was educated in the schools of Bethel and at Gould Academy, and as a young man taught school in town and was employed in a store at Auburn.

On April 15, 1882, he married Miss Orlett Billings of Bryant Pond, whose death occurred in August, 1931. Soon after their marriage they moved to the farm where he had since resided. A son, Harlan, died in March, 1927.

Besides carrying on the farm, he served as selectman from 1907 to 1915, and as deputy sheriff and representative to legislature. He was president of the Bethel Savings Bank one year before becoming treasurer of that institution in 1932, holding that office until his death.

He is survived by a daughter, Ruth, the wife of Adrian Grover of West Bethel, also eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Greenleaf funeral home, the Rev. Kingsley Hawthorne officiating. Interment was in the South Bethel Cemetery.

The death of Mr. Bean last week has removed a man whose life for many years has been an important factor in the community. Ever an unassuming gentleman, his qualities of unquestioned ability and honesty called for a participation in public affairs in which he left a record of service well performed. Content to be known for his independent mind and conservative attitude, his counsel in town and business affairs was often sought and his advice followed.

In recent years, at an age when many would have been eager to accept rest and freedom from heavy responsibility, Mr. Bean continued to be in his office every day and carry on his work with customary thoroughness.

His dependability in everything he did will long be remembered. A long period of active service with the Republican town committee and on the board of trustees of the Bethel Savings Bank attest to the sentiments of his associates. His faithful work as selectman, his interest in all that affected the town and his trustworthy recollection of local history are pleasant memories of those who knew him.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the regular meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge Monday evening it was voted to buy dishes with the lodge emblem. Mrs. Vernon Brown and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson were appointed to distribute envelopes for the project of the President of the Rebekah Assembly, The Peace Offering. It was voted to have the visitation of the warden of the Rebekah Assembly the latter part of February. The lodge voted to serve a dinner for the Oxford County Postmasters on Jan. 18.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party Dec. 19. Mrs. Frank Hunt and Mrs. Leroy Bennett will be in charge of refreshments and Miss Eugenia Haselton and Miss Alice Taylor the Christmas tree and program. After the meeting a box of Christmas gifts was packed for the Odd Fellows Home at Auburn.

GOULD J.V.'S SWAMP JAY J.V.'S IN FRIDAY'S PRELIMINARY

The Gould J.V.'s started Friday evening off right by taking the J.V. understudies, 30-17, Durham with 12 points and Bean with 10 led the locals. Gene Brown played good ball, too, for the winners, especially off the board and on defense.

For the visiting youngsters Plant was high with six points followed by Shank with five. Gould J.V.'s 4 22 34 36 Jay J.V.'s 1 7 12 17 Referee, Scott.

MEXICO TO FACE GOULD HERE NEXT TUESDAY

This Friday the Gould varsity will travel to Norway where they meet Norway High as part of a twin bill. The other game will be Farmington versus South Paris. Tuesday will find both the J.V.'s and varsity in action at home against the Mexico Pintos. This is another Mountain League game and plenty of action is expected. Fans were given a thrill in the opener last Friday and indications are that there are plenty more to come. The J.V. game will start at 7 P. M. with the varsity teams

BETHEL P. T. A. SEEKS CLOTHING AND GIFTS

The regular meeting of the Parent Teacher Association will be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Music Room at the Domestic Arts Cottage. Miss Griggs will play a few records that have been recorded at Gould. A film, "Moving Ahead in Music," will be shown. Hostesses are Mrs. Iva Bartlett Hutchinson, Mrs. Francis Noyes, Mrs. Joe Roderick, and Mrs. Norman Greig.

At the last meeting of the PTA it was voted to bring gifts of used toys to be distributed to youngsters in the various grades at Christmas time. The Lions Club has a similar project underway and it is hoped that a large number of these items may be obtained for distribution. Bring or send them to the next PTA meeting, Dec. 14. Gifts should be wrapped and marked, boy or girl.

Any person who has second hand clothing to donate and doesn't know how to dispose of it may register it with Mrs. Mary Chadbourne. The teachers may then contact Mrs. Chadbourne when they know of pupils in need of certain garments.

GOULD ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the meeting of the Guild Wednesday evening preparations were made for the annual fair being held today. At the business meeting the following committee was appointed to take care of the Christmas baskets: Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Mrs. Louis Van, Mrs. Kimball Ames, and Miss Harriet Merrill. A Christmas party was entertained by Miss Ann Griggs, Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Harlan Hutchinson and Mrs. Kingsley Hawthorne. Carols were sung, followed by Christmas refreshments.

The next meeting, on Jan. 11, will be Talent Night. The committee is Mrs. Laurence Lord, Miss Helen Varner, and Mrs. Louis Van. Hostesses will be Mrs. Grace Macfarlane and Mrs. Frank Nary.

C. OF C. MEMBERS HEAR OF CONDITIONS IN FRANCE

At the business meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce at the American Legion Home Tuesday evening there was a discussion on the question of street signs and it was voted to prepare an article for the warrant for town meeting for an appropriation for this purpose.

The president named the following nominating committee to report at the next meeting: Robert Blake, Walter Tikander and Earl Davis. Ticket committee for the January meeting is Chester Briggs, G. L. Thurston and Donald Christie. The guest speaker, Louis Thibodeau of Rumford, told of his experiences in post-war France as a member of the State Department. He spoke of the feeling between the French and Americans and of possible improvements.

MRS. EVERETT BILLINGS

Mrs. Beale May Billings, wife of Everett Billings, died at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 30, after several years of failing health. She was born Sept. 23, 1884. She lived 30 years at Rumford going there from North New Portland. She married Mr. Billings nine years ago and they have lived at East Bethel, since.

She leaves besides her husband, two sons, Alton Longley, Kingfield and Edwin Longley, Rumford; two daughters, Mrs. Avis Lyons, Rumford, and Mrs. Hattie Brals, Augusta; 15 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Greenleaf funeral home, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. F. Ernest Smith officiating. Interment was at North Anson cemetery.

GOULD J.V.'S PLAY WOODSTOCK HERE FRIDAY EVENING

While the Gould varsity is playing away at Norway, on Friday the Husky J.V.'s will entertain Woodstock High of Bryant Pond in a single game at the Field House. The game is slated to start at 7:30. There will be no charge for admission.

WMFA TO MEET AT HARRISON MONDAY EVENING

The Western Maine Firemen's Association will hold its next regular meeting at the Legion Hall, Harrison, on Monday evening, Dec. 12. Ladies are invited.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE NOW IN PROGRESS

More than 400 voluntary workers are assisting the Maine Public Health Association to conduct its annual Christmas Seal Sale to provide funds for continuing efforts to control tuberculosis throughout the state next year. It was announced from State Headquarters in Augusta by Edmund P. Wells, executive secretary of the health association.

"The volunteer tuberculosis workers of the state each year make a great contribution toward the eradication of tuberculosis and general improvement of health conditions," Wells said, "by assisting the state association to plan and carry out the Seal Sale in their respective territories."

Citizens of Oxford County and the townships they are serving as Christmas Seal Chairmen are: Andover, Mrs. Sylvanus Poor; Bethel, Mrs. Paul C. Thurston; Buckfield, Mrs. A. B. Hutchinson; Canton, J. H. Pulsifer; Denmark, Mrs. Imogene Wentworth; Dixfield, Mrs. Alice H. McGouldrick; Gilead, Mrs. Frances Bennett; Greenwood, Mrs. Colista Morgan; Hanover, Mrs. Clement Worcester; Hebron, Mrs. Violet Adams; Hiram, Mrs. Basil Cram; Lincoln Plantation, Richard MacDonald; Lovell, Mrs. Marcus Stearns; Magalloway, Mrs. Lillian Ripley; Mexico, Mrs. Mary Kennard; Newry, Mrs. Libbie Kneeland; Norway, Guy Rowe; Oxford, Mrs. Ella B. Whitney; Paris, Mrs. S. Walter Starbird; Rumford, Mrs. H. W. Stanwood; Stow, Mrs. Mildred Andrews; Sweden, Mrs. Grace Hall; Waterford, Mrs. W. W. Fillebrown; and Woodstock, Mrs. Robert Croukett.

"In the past years," Wells continued, "contributions in most cases were returned to the chairman for local tabulation. This year, to lessen the work required by the local workers, many chairmen chose to have return contributions sent direct to the State Seal Sale headquarters, thereby also expediting the handling of the money received."

"In other sections of the state where there has been no local chairman, the Christmas Seals have previously been sold by school children and not by mail. This year the Christmas Seals will be sent to these towns by mail as in the rest of the state, in the hope that the innovation will please the people and lessen the pre-Christmas responsibilities of both children and teachers."

Wells concluded by stating that the success in reducing tuberculosis mortality during past years has been largely made possible by the interest and hard work of volunteer workers. "These volunteers," he said, "are active in the work because of highly developed civic interest and because they know tuberculosis can be controlled, are rendering all people and their state an invaluable service with no other reward than personal satisfaction."

The Christmas Seal Sale, begun on November 21, will continue through Christmas.

BETHEL GIRL SCOUTS

On December 1, a meeting was called to order by Mrs. Butters at the Legion Rooms. It was decided that there would be a meeting there every Thursday. There is going to be a Christmas party on Dec. 16, at the Legion Rooms. This party is put on by the Girl Scout Committee. The Boy Scouts are invited. There is going to be a jolly time.

VA REPRESENTATIVE TO BE AT RUMFORD WED., DEC. 14

A contact representative of the Veterans Administration will be in the vicinity of Rumford on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Because of numerous requests from officials of service organizations and veterans, he will stop at the Rumford post office from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. for the purpose of assisting any veterans or their dependents on any matter pertaining to the Veterans Administration. All interested persons are requested to see the contact representative at that time.

BEANO GAME Locke Mills Legion Hall FRIDAY, DEC. 9

32 PC. SET DINNERWARE
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GOULD SPLITS IN FIRST TWO TILTS

GOULD 43—JAY 37

In a game that had fans gasping, Gould Academy came through with a neat victory over a good Jay High team. With only minutes to go the visitors tied the score at 35-35. "Hoby" Lowell sank a nice pivot shot from the foul circle to send the Huskies into a 37-35 lead, but just moments later Martilla of the visitors dropped a long one from the corner to again knot the count. Clint Mason promptly sneaked through the Jay zone defense for a lay-up shot and again Gould led. The minutes were ticking away and the Huskies began stalling. Hamilton was fouled in the act of shooting and he made both free shots good. Jay tried hard to gain possession of the ball but the home team scored again from the field and twice from the foul line for a thrilling 43-37 victory.

Hamilton was outstanding for the winners with 23 points, while Johnson led the losers with 14 points. Although it was the opening game for both teams, they both performed in mid-season form. Jay held to their zone defense during the entire game while Gould played man to man.

Gould (43)
Mason, f 3 2 3
Hamilton, f 9 5 23
Lowell, c 3 2 8
Boyd, g 0 0 0
Kendall, g 1 2 4
Totals 16 11 43

Jay (37)
Johnson, f 7 0 14
Martilla, f 2 1 5
Dubard, f 0 0 0
Labbe, c 4 0 8
Dolron, c 0 0 0
Goulette, g 1 1 3
Couture, g 1 3 5
Shank, g 1 0 2
Totals 16 5 37

Gould 9 21 33 43
Jay 6 16 31 37
Referee, Shanahan. Umpire, Fortunato.

GORHAM 51—GOULD 50

Fans were treated to another thriller Wednesday night when the Huskies dropped a close one to Gorham. N. H. Behind by six points going into the last period the local club staged a great rally to go ahead 49 to 47 but could not hold the lead.

Indifferent defense by the home team caused most of the damage. It wasn't until the final period that the "Blue and Gold" really went out to play ball then it was just too late.

Gould (50)
Mason, f 8 2 18
Hamilton, f 5 5 15
Lowell, c 1 5 7
Boyd, g 3 1 7
Kendall, g 1 1 4
Agnew, g 0 0 0
Totals 14 14 50

Gorham (51)
Barnes, f 4 0 8
Rene, f 2 0 4
LaPierre, f 8 0 16
Therrien, f 0 0 0
Edgar, c 1 3 5
Bishop, g 7 4 18
Evans, g 0 0 0
Totals 22 7 51

Gould 11 20 29 50
Gorham 6 20 35 51
Referee, Shanahan. Umpire, Brimigeon.

PRELIMINARY

Gould J.V.'s 6 14 21 28
Gorham J.V.'s 4 14 23 37

LOCAL U. of M. STUDENTS IN "CHRISTMAS VESTERS"

About 175 University of Maine students will take part in the annual Christmas Vesters in the university's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium Sunday Dec. 11 at 4:15 o'clock.

Participating in the annual Vesters program will be the university's symphony orchestra and glee club.

Those taking part from this area are: Glee Club, Priscilla Goggin Bethel; Ann Van Den Kerkhoven, Bethel; Donald Lord, Bethel.

Mrs. Robert Sanborn and son Harry are occupying their new home, recently built on Vernon Street.

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Are We Too Busy?

We Americans are busy people. We've been busy for a long time. It's in our traditions. And it's in our blood. This urge to be up and at it—this itch to get things done—has had a lot to do with the accomplishments of this free nation. Because our appetite for accomplishment has always been sharp, and because America has frowned on anything that would dull initiative and independent action, we are today the richest, the freest, the choicest land on earth.

May it always be so. However, I am sometimes concerned deeply about our success, least our preoccupation with the doing and achieving and living of all this success might be making us blind to the "wherefore" of it all. Granted that the majority of Americans recognize freedom of individual opportunity as the big factor that has made this way of life of ours possible, just what are we doing about it? Are we doing what we can to preserve it?

Doing Our Part

That, in the idiom of the day, is the "big question." It is plain as day that America can go, in the next generation, just where America's citizens want America to go. Will it be toward socialism and economic slavery, the road to totalitarianism and loss of all freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution and a lower standard of living? Or will it be in the direction of even higher standards of living, greater personal liberty, and more individual opportunity?

I suspect it will take more than just wishing to follow the latter route toward an even greater American destiny. As citizens, we'd better get busy! As to civic duty and responsibility, we have great traditions which we cannot afford to throw overboard. Deep in the truth that led to the founding of this nation lies the principle that each citizen has a duty to do his part. We depend upon a citizen militia. We have no ruling class, but elect leaders from the citizenry. The electorate itself is charged with responsibility.

Action Counts

Yet, my fellow Americans, we are slow to shoulder up to our places at the wheel—when it comes to doing what we can to help preserve freedom of enterprise. Everybody is for it. Oh, sure! Even Henry Wallace has claimed respect for free enterprise! But what counts is performance. What have you done to stop the march of bureaucracy, the growth of big government, for example?

In the struggle of our American way of life to survive against all sorts of encroaching "isms" that would weaken or destroy it, most Americans will have no trouble deciding which side they must take. Then, having taken sides, will they quit worrying about it? There are folks that see nothing at all they can do about it. But a thing as going out to vote for the right man, even serving in public capacity, would be quite out of order. What a pity!

Your Business

America never won a struggle that way. Three times this nation has taken arms to protect herself and other countries against ideas that would mean enslavement. Each time we have emerged triumphant, having tried and hoped to make the idea of democracy of more permanence in the world. We stopped being busy long enough to go to war on the side of freedom. It was not easy, either time.

All right. Here we are, busy again. There's no shooting war, and nobody wants one. But we are just a little too busy to see that it's up to us to have America stay free. From without and within, ideas are being presented that are

DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING

POWER OF A CHALLENGE

THE POWER of a challenge! I have sung a song about that before; I sing it again. A challenge will move some people to action quicker than anything else.



D. Carnegie

John E. Arnett of Prestonsburg, Ky., is the local representative of the Kansas City Life Insurance company which is located in Kansas City.

He wanted to sell Mr. Ratcliff, in his home town, a policy, for Mr. Ratcliff was an influential citizen and the sale would make an impression on other people. So Mr. Arnett went to him but the other said that he already had a policy in one company and that he had been rejected by another company. There was no use in filling out an application blank. That seemed to be the end of it.

One day Mr. Arnett went to the store and wrote up a policy for the man's partner. Just then Mr. Ratcliff came in and the partner said, "Tom, why don't you get in on this and have a policy with this man?"

"No need. They won't write me," he answered. "I won't even consider the idea. Besides, he has already talked to me about it."

Then it was that Mr. Arnett did some quick thinking. He decided to approach him on the ground of a challenge, so he said, "You know Mark Twain said that a difference of opinion is what makes horse racing. Well, you and I have a difference of opinion."

"What is that opinion?" asked the other, mystified.

"It exists as to whether the company will pass you or not," answered Mr. Arnett. "I'll bet you \$5 that I can get you a policy at the standard rate."

"Do you really want to bet?" asked the other, his interest immediately challenged.

"I do."

"Fill out the form."

Mr. Arnett did not know whether or not his company would accept the application, but he reasoned, "You never can tell till you try."

The medical examination was made, the papers forwarded.

A month went by, then Mr. Arnett glided down the street, a letter in his pocket. Entering the store, he said,

"Tom, you remember what you said about horse racing?"

"Yes," said the other, wonderingly.

"Well, there are two sides, but only one winner. Five dollars, please."

The other man was delighted. Mr. Arnett had appealed to him by throwing down a challenge.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

AS A RESULT of the recent elections, politics is in the air in Washington, as it is in the country at large. Democrats are jubilant over the outcome in New York state and in other off-year elections.

Both parties accepted the New York election, which pitted ex-governor Herbert Lehman against John Foster Dulles for the seat vacated by Sen. Robert Wagner, as a test of issues. Lehman was squarely for the Fair Deal program of President Truman, and Senator Dulles squarely against the program, with Lehman the decisive winner.

As a result, the Republican high command may change to a middle-of-the-road opposition to Democratic proposals. Governor Dewey was defeated on a "me too but do it better" program, and Senator Dulles tried the direct opposition method. Both failed. They point to the middle-of-the-road course of Governor Driscoll of New Jersey, reelected as conservatively liberal, and to the campaign of Senator Ives of New York, also a conservative liberal, who defeated Governor Lehman for the senate in 1946.

Pointing to the campaign being made by Senator Taft in Ohio as winning friends, the Republicans may adopt a "semi-liberal" stand for the 1950 elections.

At any rate, President Truman is at the height of his popularity which strengthens the morale of the Democratic organizations in the large cities. That these organizations need strengthening is seen in the defeat of the Curley machine in Boston and the Hogue machine in New Jersey.

The Democrats are planning to wage a strong campaign for farm votes, especially in the Midwest, and will make strenuous efforts to capture the votes of small businessmen.

Despite victories in New York, which add a senator and a congressman, and in California, which gives another congressman to the Democratic majority in the next session, the congress convening in January will be essentially that

which was reluctant to pass the Fair Deal program at the first session.

Unless these congressmen come back to Washington with different viewpoints after consulting the home folks, the President will have about as much difficulty enacting the rest of his program. The President will win more of his program, but not all.

The President was given a standing two-minute ovation when he attended and spoke to a nationwide meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Mayflower hotel at a luncheon kicking off the drive for Brotherhood week in February, 1950.

With a new record cotton production of 15,524 bales predicted for 1949, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has announced a 1950 marketing quota of 11,733,750 bales and a national acreage allotment of 21 million acres in a move aimed at reducing the 1950 production by at least 20 percent.

Dr. Willard E. Glavin, executive secretary of the National Education Association, said that in the coming decade 1,300,000 new school teachers will be needed. The demand for new elementary school teachers will be about 100,000 annually, he said, while only about one fifth of that number is being prepared each year. He pointed to the fact that, while average salary of all employed persons rose nearly 103 per cent between 1940 and 1947, salaries of school teachers increased only 60 per cent and that average pay of school teachers is far below what could be considered professional compensation.

This in addition to too few and obsolete buildings and other school facilities, is placing a tremendous drain on state and local taxes. Add to this a tremendously increased enrollment, and it is likely that in many urban centers only half-day schools will be held.

There is expected tremendous pressure in the next session for federal aid to schools, and chances are good that the school aid program will pass. The \$300,000,000 bill already has passed the senate but was held up in a house committee. It may be that the figure will be increased by house action.

MIDDLE INTERVAL

—Mrs. Augustus Carter, Corcoran.

Mrs. Laura Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Onofrio and Mrs. Joseph Baker were callers at Augustus Carter's, Saturday.

Ernest Morrisette has employment at North Newry for Paul Carter.

Master John Gunther was taken to the Rumford Hospital Saturday night where he underwent an appendectomy. He is reported to be settling along nicely.

Donald Stanley visited his parents, the 11 & 12 Sunday.

May you now be in the CITIZEN.

JIG-SAW ADDICT



Above the HULLABALOO

By LYTLE HILL

PALE CARMINE AND RED

ONE SOMETIMES wonders if our American plinks read the newspapers. If they do, we wonder if they attach any significance to the fact that the former plinks of every country behind the iron curtain have either ceased to grace this planet or are living west of that bit of opaque drapery.

One marvels at the magnificent intellectuality of these self-styled "intellectuals." Maybe they haven't read the history of the old revolutions; but they must know that not one single member of their roseate fraternity is alive today in any country behind the iron curtain. Where do they think they will stand if they open the gates to the killers who invariably follow in their wake?

Now does it mean anything to our REDS when—and if—they read that Czechoslovakia had just sent a new batch of 55 former Communist politicians to "prison"? Do the almost daily prison and death lists from Poland, Bulgaria and Rumania make a faint dent upon their mushy cerebrums? Apparently not!

These "colorful" exponents of exchange for the Asiatic way of life are not idealists. They would turn their own fellow citizens into slaughter pens purely for the sake of personal reward; and personal reward is just what they would receive—BUT IT WOULD BE IN A GAS CHAMBER! Why do they think human nature would make an exception in the case of this country? It is the nature of the underworld to crave the physical destruction of its superiors; and it is the underworld which always gets in the saddle sometime during these revolutions.

Our carmine lights are of the impression that only the rich would suffer if they were successful in turning this country over to the gentle administration of the Asiatics in the Kremlin.

How do they account for the fact that, as in Russia, so in all the other iron curtain nations, every small shop owner, every little farmer who owned a couple of acres and a cow, every long-haired "liberal," and—with but few exceptions—every original Red politician, is either dead or wishes he were!



STABBER OR VICTIM? ... The body of Munhama Zelyak (above), translator for Voice of America, was found in New York City hotel room with body of Chinese U. N. employee. Police didn't know which stabbed the other and self.

Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

1 Light brown

4 To hesitate

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14 Part of "to be"

15 Metrical composition

17 Avoids measure

19 New Zealand aborigine

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22 Snake-like fish

24 Handle

27 Length

28 Immediately

29 Spirited horse

30 By

31 Hand (thing)

32 Owning

33 Two ens

34 Like a wall

35 Chess piece

37 Silkworm

38 Son of Iubekah

39 Silent

40 Brief blast of wind

41 Poem by Homer

42 Equality

43 Articles of food made of dough paste

44 Storied temple

45 Husband of Fatima

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LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Corres. — Mrs. Hannah Coolidge has closed her home for the winter and gone to Norway where she will stay with her brother, Arthur Noyes. Judith Andrews still remains on the danger list at the C M G Hospital.

Miss Wilma Croteau of West Greenwood visited with Miss Constance Coolidge over the week end. Mrs. Ernest Mason has been ill at her home for several days.

Norwood Ford, while ice fishing Sunday, had the misfortune to slip on the ice and dislocate his shoulder. He will be unable to work at the mill for about a month.

Florence Amanda, little daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Bowers, is recovering from pneumonia. Calvin Coolidge of the USN returned to Portsmouth, Va., Saturday night.

LeRoy Martin, Jr., is working at the mill and boarding with Mr and Mrs Norwood Ford.

Other lucky hunters the past deer season have been Charles Andrews, Roy Noyes, and Walter Newell.

WOODSTOCK HIGH

The deer season closed with only four successful hunters in high school. Dicky Mills' deer was the smallest, about 70 pounds, Alton Hathaway's the biggest at 145 pounds, and John Pettila's and Jimmy Andrews' deer both weighed about 80 pounds apiece.

November 29, the basketball boys and girls began their season at Gorham, N. H. The girls won their game, but the boys lost. The Woodstock fans were able to see both teams Wednesday, Dec. 7, when the upper class girls played the lower classes and the boys played the Alumni boys. Friday,

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SOUTH ALBANY

Mrs. Roy Wardwell, Corres. — Mr and Mrs Colby Robinson from Portland were Sunday callers at Mr and Mrs Leon Kimball's and Mr and Mrs Roy Wardwell's. Mr and Mrs Arthur Andrews were week end guests of Mr and Mrs Arthur Wardwell and daughters, Jean and Jane.

Merton Kimball was at Roy Wardwell's recently after a cow. Olive Spinney has been ill with stomach trouble.

Howard Inman also has been ill with gripe.

Mr and Mrs Roy Wardwell attended the Pomona Grange at Norway on Nov. 29.

Arthur Wardwell did some trucking for Hugh Stearns for Friday.

Dec. 9, the boys play the Gould J.V.s.

December 1, Harriett Hathaway, business manager, and Josephine St John, assistant, went to South Paris for ads. The same day Phyllis Hathaway and Beale Dunham got the Norway ads. The girls returned successful but tired.

Mrs. Mabel Andrew, fifth and sixth grade teacher has been sick since Thanksgiving week, but is better and now able to sit up. She is at her home in Weld. Mrs. Miriam McAllister is substituting for her.

Mrs. Crockett, commercial teacher, missed school Nov. 29 and 30 due to a severe cold.

Tommy Berryment is in the Rumford Community Hospital after cutting his leg quite badly. He, a third grader, along with several other boys, was getting a Christmas tree for his room, when he fell on a stump.

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Mrs. L. E. Wight, Corres. — Miss Sharon Gallant is spending the week with friends in Bethel. Mrs. Mildred Marceau is visiting relatives in Vermont.

Everett Ferrin has sold 15 head of Hereford cattle to Arthur Priest. Mr and Mrs Fred Wight and Mrs L. E. Wight are attending State Grange at Portland this week.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Cummings of Bethel called on her parents Mr and Mrs Hartley Hanscom, Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Daniel Wight, sons Eric and Kevin, Rumford, were calling on relatives here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lottie Palmer of Lovell is spending the week at the home of Mr and Mrs. Fred Wight, a guest of Miss Carrie Wight.

SOUTH BETHEL

There were 18 present at the Bible Club at the home of Mrs. Robert Gordon, recently.

Mr and Mrs Henry Noyes and children from West Paris were recent callers at the homes of her brothers, Ernest Brooks and Mr and Mrs Frank Brooks.

Pvt. Everett Cole is home on furlough for ten days, staying with his mother, Mrs. Merle Hinkley. He is visiting relatives in Sumner, also. He leaves next week for a few weeks in Puerto Rico then goes to Georgia.

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Mrs. Paul Croteau, Corres. — Mrs. Alden Wilson and children were in West Paris and South Paris Saturday afternoon.

Miss Leona Davis of West Paris was the guest of Gloria Wilson of West Paris over the week end.

Lee Mills did some wiring for his sister, Mrs. Amy Bunker, one day last week.

Work has been finished on the electric line, now everyone is enjoying electricity.

Herbert Carnes moved his family into James Croteau's camp, Sunday.

Miss Wilma Croteau went to Berlin, Monday.

Mrs. Ethel Davis and brother, Tommie, of West Paris, were at Robert Deegan's, Sunday.

Georgia. Lamont Brooks and son, Alpheus, of Rowe Hill, Greenwood, were recent callers at the home of his brothers, Ernest Brooks and Frank Brooks.

Sunday visitors at the home of Ernest Brooks were Mahlon Thurston and Joe LeClair from Gorham, N. H.; Pvt. Everett Cole and Frank Stone of Bethel.

Stack's Flowers — Cut Flowers

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres. — S. G. Magill spent a few days the last of the hunting season with R. M. Fleet.

Mrs. Grace Jackson was one of the last lucky deer hunters.

Mrs. Hilda O'Brien and children, Elizabeth, Donald, Marjorie, and Dennis O'Brien of Gorham were week end callers at Nettie and Roland Fleet's.

J. B. Chapman moved back to Bethel for the winter.

Mr and Mrs Kendrick Scribner called on his parents, Sunday. Mr and Mrs Floyd Verrill of

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE AND VICINITY

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Corres. — The church service Sunday was conducted by Rev. Alvin Strong.

Recent visitors at Harlan Bumpus' were Mr and Mrs Clyde Hall, Mr and Mrs Earlon Keniston and daughter Lione, Mr and Mrs Howard Inman, Hugh Stearns, and Mr and Mrs Arthur Hazelton.

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and daughter, Ruth, visited Mrs. Henry Lunnau, Friday afternoon.

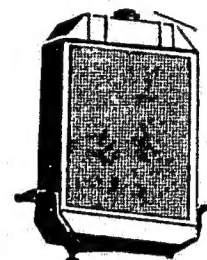
Mr and Mrs Fred Pinkham and Edwin Bumpus are spending the winter in Florida.

Concord, Mass., were in town a few days last week.

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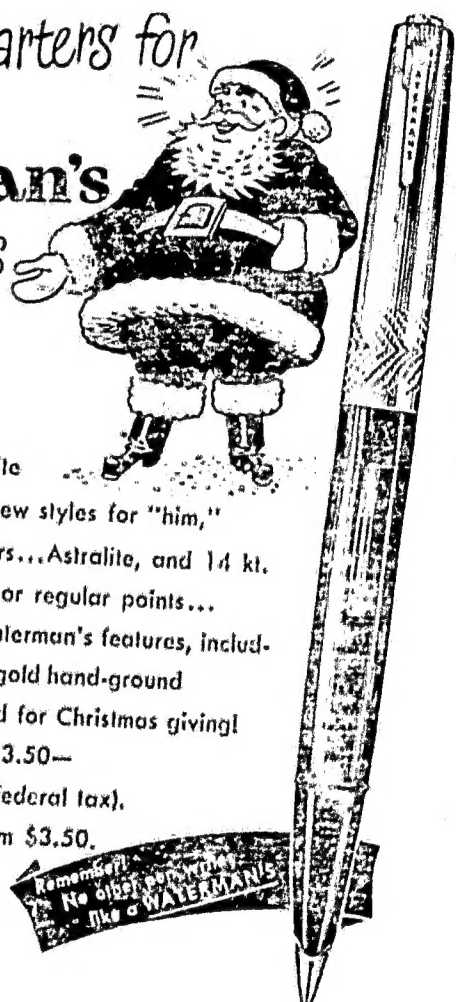
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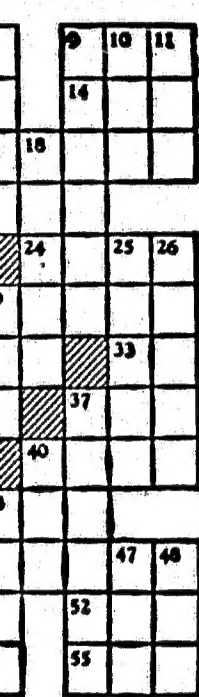
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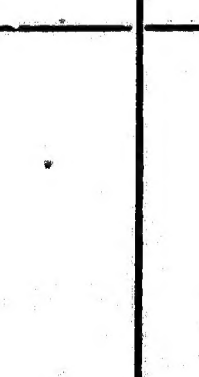
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I REMEMBER...

By THE OLD-TIMERS

From Paul H. Peterson of Chicago:
"I remember when mailmen wore London-style, bobby helmets, carried a whistle attached to a long



chain and a club in their mail pouch to ward off vicious dogs."

From A. O'Daniel of Clinton, S.C.:
"I remember when railroad locomotives burned wood exclusively and cars were coupled with link and pins. . . Also, when there was no free mail delivery, either RFD or city. . . no artificial ice, no bicycles, no autos, no phonographs, no radios, no typewriters."

Mrs. Julia Emick of Scottsbluff, Neb.: "I remember when cow chips were used for fuel by the pioneers of central Nebraska during the drought years when there was not enough corn to produce the standard fuel—corn cobs. I remember the hay burner, too."

From John Foxton of Schuller, Okla.: "I remember when my father drove a yoke of oxen and we cut and pulled logs to town to make wagon hubs. Wheat was cut with a cradle, we made clapboards and poles from white oak timber by using a chisel-like instrument and a mallet."

From Mrs. J. B. Davis of Cordova, Ala.: "I remember when my father used to help make the coffin when anyone died within several miles of where we lived. They made the coffin wide at the shoulder and narrower at each end. Boiling water was poured on the side planks when they started to bend them to fit the bottom of the coffin. Mother usually went along and handed cotton bats to pad the inside of the coffin."

More Double Talk

by DeWitt Emery

EDITOR'S NOTE: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Association. Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, complains that the 81st Congress refused to adopt the Brannan Plan because the Republicans in Congress misrepresented the plan by calling it "socialistic" and an instrument of the "welfare state." Mr. Brannan says these are state words used to frighten the people and defeat his program.

In making this charge, Mr. Brannan overlooks the very significant fact that there aren't enough Republicans in the House or in the Senate to defeat anything the Democrats want to pass. If this is true and Congress rejected his program, it did just that then quite a few Democrats in both the House and the Senate must have thought and voted like Republicans so far as the Brannan Plan was concerned.

If his plan, which Mr. Brannan admits is basically a program of price supports for farm products to maintain satisfactory prices for both farmers and consumers, meaning high prices for the farmers and low prices for the consumer with the taxpayers paying the difference is not socialistic and is not an instrument of the welfare state as was charged by some members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, then certainly it is up to him to refute these charges.

At a recent meeting of Democratic leaders in San Francisco, Mr. Brannan undertook to prove that his plan is not socialistic and is not in any sense an instrument of the welfare state. But strangely enough what he actually proved is that his plan is exactly what the opponents of it say it is. Here are his words:

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Maine 4-H'ers Win Special Recognition

OUTSTANDING records of achievement in the 1949 National 4-H Farm Safety, Recreation and Rural Arts, and Soil Conservation programs have won three Maine club members state championship honors. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Paul Sennett



Richard Cole



La Roy Sevey

For doing an outstanding job in making his land, farm and community a safer place in which to live and work, Paul Sennett, 16, of Palermo was named 1949 state champion in the National 4-H Farm Safety program. Paul assisted his father in replacing old wooden shingles on the roof with fire resistant asphalt ones. To correct darkness on two dimly lighted stairways, he painted the stairs with light-reflecting aluminum paint. Besides remedying these major hazards, he corrected a frayed wiring and removed combustible liquids from the home. During his three years in 4-H, Paul followed the rules for farm safety in carrying out other projects. He also served the local club as president during 1949. Paul was given an educational trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago by General Motors, program sponsor.

Working on the theory that all work and no play makes 4-H'ers dull, Richard Cole, 19, of Bryant Pond, achieved state honors in the 1949 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program. During four years in 4-H Club work, he has organized programs of folk singing and dancing, games, square dances for 4-H groups, community gatherings, and Grange parties. A student at the University of Maine, Richard calls, teaches and directs at the University Square Dance Club and at the Maine 4-H Club meetings.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

"Price supports will never be a grow, how much of it they may grow and when and where and how and at what price they may sell what they grow.

If that isn't socialism and welfare state all nicely wrapped up in the same package, then what in the world is it?

It's regimentation and totalitarianism in a form and degree utterly foreign to our American way of life. Americans as a matter of tradition and heritage have been free, the world's first free people,

He won the state leadership award in 1948, and served as leader and assistant leader, and in other club offices. Richard will be among those whose records will be judged for national honors. The reward is an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, provided by United States Rubber Co., program sponsor.

Doing a vital job in 4-H Soil Conservation work not only improved the home farm, but gave La Roy Sevey, 21, of Dexter a valuable knowledge of land use and management. His record was judged state winner in the 1949 National 4-H Soil Conservation program. Among the many soil conservation practices that he put into use were planting on the contour, seeding down more than 10 acres to timothy and ladino, and top dressing. He is now planning to build a cooperative farm pond, and is surveying the land for this project. La Roy carried on a well-rounded 4-H program including dairy and meat animals, garden and potato projects. He also was active in club affairs, serving as leader, president and vice president of his local group. Now a student at the University of Maine, La Roy is treasurer of the college 4-H club.

In recognition of his achievement La Roy was presented with a \$50 U. S. savings bond by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., donor of awards.

The LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

What this nation could use more of are a few more like Grandma Moses and Judge Medina—get back to reason and balance. We been a rollicksome outfit too long. Rollicksome is just using a polite word—a "sucker outfit" would have come closer—but I kinda like to keep these essays, for my readers, on more or less of an Emersonian level.

Grandma Moses, when she paints something you right away know what it is—you don't need to cock your head sideways like when you look at some modern dauber's effort and try to deduct if it is maybe a fricassee of sick oyster or maybe an abscessed bicuspid or

which is one important reason why Americans made much greater progress in 160 years than was made by the other peoples of the world in the preceding 3,000 years. Yet despite this, Mr. Brannan now wants to take their God-given freedom away from American farmers and put them under full and complete bureaucratic control, covering everything they grow and sell. And at the same time, he assures the American people that there is nothing socialistic or which remotely resembles the welfare state connected with the Brannan Plan.

This is more of the same kind of double talk which the American people have been subjected to for years. This double talk is based on the idea that the average citizen is "too dumb" to understand anyway, so it's perfectly all right to tell him anything you want to and the poor sucker will swallow it no matter how far from the truth it may be. Then when he wakes up, if he ever does, it will be too late as by that time the federal government will be master of his life and soul.

So far, the double talk has worked pretty well for the welfare state crew, but even so I still think Lincoln knew what he was talking about when he said, ". . . but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

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just a plain hole in the ground. And with a Judge Medina decision, you don't need to inquire to determine what the man means or is talking about.

And the way the nation so wholeheartedly honors Grandma Moses and acclaims her work—and the way the nation likewise puts a unanimous pat on the back of Judge Medina, shows one thing. It shows that the country is still okay. And when it gets over its dose, it may finally alert itself—do some Medina pondering—stroke its chin—and build a fire under our Govt. Boys who have been making a monkey of Uncle Sambo and a sucker of us rollicksome citizens, Yours with the low down, JO SERRA

THE PEOPLE SET THE PACE
A keen observer many years ago compared the United States to a stage coach racing down a steep hill. Although the horses lead the coach, it is the weight of the vehicle that keeps them going at top speed. Similarly, while American political leaders are generally progressive, it is the weight of public opinion that forces them to take big strides.

This has been true since the earliest day of our democracy, when the people examined their new Constitution and found something lacking. As a result, the first ten amendments — our Bill of Rights — were promptly added.

That was in 1791. Today, as we mark the 158th anniversary of the

Bill of Rights, the American people are still setting the pace for continued advances.

Only recently, the National Council on Civil Rights issued a report of progress in all parts of the country. The record shows that eight states now have laws for fair employment practices; three states have made fair educational practices mandatory in all schools and two more outlaw discrimination in the public schools. Eight states have banned discrimination in the National Guard. The United States Supreme Court, in an historic decision, has barred the enforcement of restrictive covenants in housing. In response to public opinion, many colleges and professional schools, hotels, restaurants, and other public facilities which formerly practiced discrimination have opened their doors to all.

Meanwhile, however, important measures are gathering dust in Congress. Laws to extend fair employment practices throughout the nation, to ban lynching and the poll tax, and other far-sighted measures, have been bottled up in committees for months.

Bill of Rights day is a good time to remind our elected representatives that a wise political leader does not lag behind the people too long.

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MAINE MOTORISTS PAID \$2,600,000 IN EXCISE TAXES DURING 1948

"Maine motor vehicle owners paid \$2,614,472 in automotive excise taxes to Maine cities and towns during 1948, according to figures taken from the annual reports of 487 organized municipalities in the state," Leroy T. Snowden, executive secretary of the Maine Petroleum Industries Committee, declares. "This represents an increase of 42% over 1947 collections and 175% over receipts during 1946, the first post-war year.

"This substantial contribution to local governments by motor vehicle owners is often overlooked," Mr. Snowden stated, "as it is not included in the valuation of a town upon which the tax rate is established. As a payment of an excise tax is a condition which must be met before a vehicle may be registered by the state, it is in fact, if not in title, a tax on the highway user. Excise taxes, though levied at rates established by statute, are paid directly to the town and the proceeds expended by them, therefore providing direct relief for the general property taxpayer.

"Excise tax collections in 1948 were equal to 8% of the total taxes assessed on all real and personal property in the state," Mr. Snowden added, "the tax assessment figure for 1948 being \$43,120,411 according to the last biennial report of the State Tax Assessor.

"If Maine cities and towns would earmark this money for the construction of local roads and streets as recommended in the State Highway Commission's long range study 'Maine Highway Needs', it would eliminate their local road deficiencies in a relatively few years."

BETHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL Achievement tests are being given this week.

The cheerleaders have been chosen as follows: Mary Anne Myers, Joann Bennett, Mary Kneeland, Eleanor Sumner, Nesta Gordon. Eighth Grade

The seventh and eighth grades are having a Christmas party at the Community Room on Friday, Dec. 16, from 1:00 to 3:00. The committees are as follows: Refreshments - Herbert Adams, Nancy Carver, Billy Lord, Joy Olson; Games - Beverly Onofrio, Steven Clough, June Merrill, Richard Gilman; Decoration - Mary Kneeland, Marlene Marshall, Bettyanne Butters, Nesta Gordon. Florence Skilling; Cleanup - Frank Flint, Gene White, Landon Bartlett, Richard Littlefield. Seventh Grade

The decorating committee for this month is Alma Merrill, Louisa Lavally and Barbara Hulbert. Howard Donahue is now our chosen librarian.

Class pictures were taken by Alston Studios and given out Friday. School will close December 16 for a two weeks vacation.

Friday morning in class meeting, new officers were elected: president, Mary Jane Chapman; vice-

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express to my friends my appreciation of the cards, flowers and many kindnesses received during my illness.

Mrs. Mary Lapham

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THE AMERICAN WAY

The December calendar is being drawn by Eleanor Sumner.

The BGS Fair and Variety show was a great success. We wish to thank everyone who cooperated with us. One hundred and some odd dollars was taken in. Gifts were presented to each teacher.

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade had Mrs. Ruth Ford as a visitor last Thursday.

Gifts were presented to the grammar school teachers and Mrs. Abbott last Wednesday for helping to make the play successful.

The sixth grade have been giving donations for the American Junior Red Cross.

Judy Freeman brought a large palm plant to our room. We thank her very much.

Perfect attendance record for the first 13 weeks of school goes to Linwood Andrews, Carolyn Chadbourn, Raymond 'Columbe, Maurice Dorey, Mary Ford, Ann Hastings, Thomas Horn, Bartlett Hutchinson, Rachel Kneeland, Donald Larson, Leona Lavalley, Arthur Mills, Mary Mills, Patricia Moffett, Sandra Myers, Merle White, Gloria Wilson.

Fifth Grade

The Fish Pond which was run by the fifth grade was enjoyed by many children. The fish were all gone by 7:30 and quite a bit of money was made for the school.

We plan to work on Christmas cards and gifts during activity period this week.

Jack Greig is going to get a Christmas tree for our room.

We have chosen sides for a spelling contest. The leaders are Carla Grover and Stanley Newell.

People working on a calendar and room decorations are John Corliss, Ben Kellogg, Jack Greig, and Joseph Holt.

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The Road Ahead

by Morton Chausen

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Morton Chausen was for many years publisher and editor of a weekly newspaper.)

John T. Flynn has written another book: "The Road Ahead." He tells in its opening sentence why he wrote the book: "My purpose in writing this book is to attempt to describe the road along which this country is travelling to its destruction."

"The book has the power of logic and persuasion, carries a strong appeal to reasoning into fundamental, and is a weapon badly needed in our battle for survival and as a free nation."

"The Road Ahead" exposes with amazing clarity the forces that have successfully attacked the free enterprise system in Europe to supplant it with a collectivistic tyranny, and how we in America have directly and indirectly aided and abetted this subversive movement.

John T. Flynn realistically reveals how far down the road to Socialism we have traveled in America. He points out how relentlessly ahead has been the propaganda against the "American Way" and how socialistic tenets have become an integral part of our social and economic thinking; how even the most conservative-minded have become tainted and unwittingly have become dupes and pawns in the vicious war upon established tradition.

"The book reveals that although through our Constitutional Government, historic precedence and philosophical ideologies, we have had the weapons and power to combat and forestall this drifting into Socialism, we have lacked the clarity of vision, the political and economic astuteness and the moral integrity to wage an intelligent fight toward stemming the tide."

The book exposes the degenerating factors that have been at work in our social, economic, political and moral fabric, and which have allowed us to drift toward the brink of ruin. It charges that we have failed to provide an adequate group to supervise and protect the functions of government, relegating those functions to radical minorities and to weak and easily corrupted politicians.

In the closing chapter, John T. Flynn tells what can be done about it. He gives an outline for every good American to follow in the effort to win back some of the ground that has been lost. As a former newspaper editor, I know that each chapter of "The Road Ahead" is jam-packed with material for dozens of editorials. It should be an invaluable guidebook to newspaper editors. Many paragraphs can be used verbatim to form the core of editorials. Truly, it is an editor's handbook for a "back to Americanism" movement.

My own personal reaction to the book is that of being awakened. By nature I am a conservative, perhaps ultra-so, and I was astonished and filled with chagrin at the extent to which my own social and economic concepts had become tainted by so-called "new thought" ideas. This book has indicted me on several accounts—lack of vision, lack of faith, lack of intelligence, indifference, lack of will to fight for that in which I believe, and failure to develop the weapons to use in such a fight.

As I read Flynn's book I was also keenly aware of fear, not only fear of what had happened, what is happening and what might happen, but even stronger—fear that it may be too late to turn the tide. It seems to me that the author might well write a sequel to this book, taking its last chapter as an outline and more exhaustively detailing the strategy in the war that must be waged if we are to win back the liberties already lost to us.

"The Road Ahead" is a challenge. Every red-blooded American should read it. It is published by the Devin-Adair Company, 25 East Street, New York 10, N. Y., and its price is modest—just \$2.50.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Bernice Noyes, Correspondent

Those who have been ill and unable to attend the primary school are Serena, Alberta and Philip Coolidge, Nancy, Peter and George Haines, Stanley Howe, Stanley Merrill, Charlie Haines, Johnnie Foster, Porter, Richard and Louville Farwell, and Danny Chason. Mrs. Louise Coolidge is confined to the house by a cold. Mrs. Nanette Crockett fell and broke her elbow, Tuesday.

PINCH and PUNCH. by HAP

NEWS ITEM: United Nations celebrates first anniversary of adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December.



—What do you think it'll get us?
—Well, at least we'll know what we ought to get.

Mrs. Robert Hastings, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blanchard at Cumberland Center. Mr. Hastings visited them Sunday and Mrs. Hastings returned home with him.

Those who have been ill and unable to attend school at Bethel are Keith Bartlett, Grace Smith, Robert Curtis and Ann Hastings.

Lewis Smith Jr. returned to school Wednesday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crockett is quite ill.

Mrs. Arthur Jordan and children returned home Tuesday after spending the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Farrar.

Hank Olson is able to be out after being ill several days. Nell Olson is gaining after his recent illness.

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Miss Mina Stevens is ill with a cold and unable to teach school. Mrs. Robert Hastings is teaching in her place.

The Alder River Grange sponsored a supper Saturday night for the benefit of the hot lunch program at the East Bethel school. Mrs. Louise Coolidge, Mrs. Floribel Haines and Mrs. Myra Foster were on the committee. Twenty-five dollars and fifty cents was made on the supper and four dollars and thirty cents was made on a gift table in charge of Mrs. Ariene Harrington.

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GILEAD

Mrs. Florence Holden, Correspondent
Mrs. Roland Annis and grandson, Gerry Rainey, returned home Monday from Jacksonville, Fla., where they have spent the past few weeks.

Miss Nancy Decoster has been confined to her home by illness. Robert Chapman and Sam McCoy were among the lucky deer hunters last week.

Miss Annette Chapman went to the Maine General Hospital, in Portland, Sunday, by ambulance. She has been very ill with pneumonia.

Raymond Holden of South Paris spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. Ruby Hunter of Shelburne, N. H., was a recent guest of friends in town.

Mrs. Edward Ballegeon and children of Milan, N. H., spent the week end with Mrs. Clifford Cole. Mrs. Hilda O'Brien and family of Gorham, Maine, were guests of Mrs. Florence Holden, Sunday.

Laurence Griffith of Elliot was a business visitor in town, Monday. There have been 40 deer and six bears tagged at Chapman's inspection station during the past hunting season.

NORTHWEST BETHEL

Stanley Coolidge, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benson and family were in West Peru, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gard Bennett and family were in Wilton, Sunday.

Mrs. Marie Saunders and children were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Anderson, Sunday.

Robert Bennett is assisting in Gould Academy's band.

Mr. and Mrs. John Angevine and family visited Mrs. Alton Hammond in Colebrook, N. H., Sunday.

Guests at the Keenan and Chadwick residence last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keenan of Bath, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Keenan of Woodstock, N. B.; Bill Keenan of Lewiston; Leroy Jordan of Portland; G. Chadwick of Gilead, and Charles Tarling and son, Chadwick, of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coolidge were in Locke Mills, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Gibson and Mrs. Gard Bennett were hostesses to a brush party, Tuesday evening.

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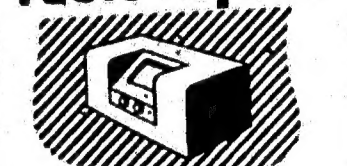
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Here's a hot tip for a cold weather throat-quencher: Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 2 cups water, 2 sticks cinnamon, 8 whole cloves; bring to boil and simmer 10 mins. Add 1 quart of A&P's rich, tangy A&P GRAPE JUICE, and 1 cup lemon juice. Bring to boil; strain; add 1 lemon, thinly sliced—and serve hot in small cups. Serves about 10.

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Now that it's Pumpkin Pie time again, I've made doubly sure I have ANN PAGE GROUND SPICES for PUMPKIN PIE on hand... prepared especially for Pumpkin Pie by A&P. This spice mix contains cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice and sweet orange peel in just the right proportions to give you the finest tasting Pumpkin Pie you ever served!

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Stanley C. Colledge, Corrae. and Mrs. Frank Benson and were in West Peru, Sunday. and Mrs. Gard Bennett and Marie Saunders and children in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. Evans Wilson and were dinner guests of Mrs. Anderson, Sunday. Mr. Bennett is assisting in Academy's band. and Mrs. John Angevine and visited Mrs. Alton Hamn. Colebrook, N. H., Sunday. at the Keenan and Chadwick residence last week and were Mrs. Harry Keenan of Bath and Mrs. Alvin Keenan of Woodstock, N. B.; Bill Keenan of Wiston; Leroy Jordan of G. Chadwick of Gilead, Charles Tarling and son, of Portland. and Mrs. Floyd Coolidge were in Mills, Saturday afternoon. Frank Gibson and Mrs. Gard were hostesses to a brush Tuesday evening.

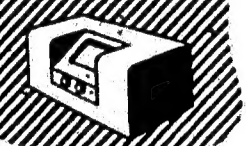
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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith C. Abbott, Corrae. The annual meeting of the Universalist Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Elsie Cole, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Addelyn Mann; vice-president, Mrs. Abby Dudley; secretary, Mrs. Edith Abbott; treasurer, Mrs. Annie Crockett. It was decided to have a candlelight Vesper Service at the Universalist Church, Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3 P. M. It was voted to set the date of meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edith Abbott. Two quilts were tacked.

Forty-seven deer were tagged this season at the Rainbow Sporting Store. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley, Jr., and child, moved into the rent in Mrs. Mary Felt's house last week end.

The Woodstock Farm Bureau met Friday at the home of Mrs. Cleo Billings, for a meeting on Christmas gifts to make and buy for a dollar or less. Mrs. Sadie Lakeway and Mrs. Billings had charge of the project. Patterns were taken from the box received, and helpful information on gifts and decorations given by the leaders. Dinner was served by Mrs. Eva Mills, Mrs. Edith Bryant and Mrs. Annie Morgan. Officers were elected as follows: chairman, Mrs. Leora Farrington; vice-chairman, Mrs. Edith Bryant; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Eva Mills; foods—Mrs. Sadie Lakeway and Mrs. Annie Morgan; clothing—Mrs. Miriam McAllister and Mrs. Cleo Billings; home management—Mrs. Addelyn Mann and Mrs. Anne Jordan. The planning meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Addelyn Mann, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 3, 1950.

At the stated meeting of Jefferson Chapter, OES, Friday evening, the degrees were conferred upon LaForest Twitchell. Chafing dish refreshments were served by Mrs. Ida Farnum, Esther Dunlap, Frances Farnum, Virginia Mills and Beatrice Farnum.

Deputy Alexander Stearns accompanied by Mrs. Stearns of Paris, inspected the work of Franklin Grange, Saturday evening. The second degree was exemplified. An auction, with Herman Cole as auctioneer was held after the meeting and refreshments were served. The Master, Edwin Howe, was unable to attend State Grange this week.

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Mrs. Carrie DeVee was the guest of her daughter, Miss Yeda DeVee at Portland, Tuesday, Nov. 29. On Thursday, Dec. 1, Miss DeVee and Miss Mary Greeley started for Delray Beach, Fla., to work during the winter.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a blacksmith shop and garage at Fred Tyler's place, Saturday morning. It was discovered at about 2:15 A. M. when Mr. Tyler was awakened by an explosion. Only the promptness and efficiency of the fire company saved the dwelling house and barn, as the shop was only 30 feet from the house. The loss included an air compressor, turning lathe, electric motor as well as a quantity of other tools, and a tractor belonging to Mr. Tyler's son, Warren Tyler. There was no insurance on the building or contents.

The Star Birthday Club will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Frances Farnum, Thursday evening, Dec. 15, to make Christmas boxes.

Tommy Berryment, son of Mr.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on third Tuesday of December A. D. 1949, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mark A. Lapham, late of Greenwood, deceased; Final account presented for allowance by Lillian Maude Lapham, administratrix.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

50 EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Corrae. O A Judkins and Fred Judkins attended a Farm Meeting in Bethel Tuesday evening of this week.

Fred Judkins, Albert Judkins and Malcolm Barnett had a hog-killing bee at the Abbott House barn recently. They dressed off a good sized hog for each one of them.

The cribbage tournament is well under way, but there is still time for all who wish to join. Those who have already joined are busy evenings, visiting their neighbors and playing their three games per person. All seem to be enjoying the sport and their visits.

Miss Phyllis Barnett, formerly of Upton, was married in Rumford, Sunday. Those attending from

and Mrs. Herbert Berryment, fell Thursday, cutting his leg badly. He was taken to Rumford Hospital, where forty stitches were taken. He returned home Sunday.

here were her sisters and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weston, Lee Barnett, and Mrs. George Wight. A crew from Massachusetts with some of the men from town working with them, have been cutting Christmas trees on East B Hill.

WEST BETHEL

Pleasant Valley Grange will hold its regular meeting Monday evening, Dec. 12. There will be election of officers followed by a Christmas tree, with refreshments of popcorn and candy.

Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler was given a stork shower by Mrs. Eleanor and Mrs. Cathryn Lovejoy at their home at West Bethel Saturday evening. Mrs. Wheeler received many beautiful gifts. Refreshments of coffee, cake, and crax were served. There were sixteen ladies present and many more unable to attend sent gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lovejoy have moved into the Edward Casey rent.

GREENWOOD CITY

The pupils of the school gave an exhibition of a unit of work on Mexico on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt were in Norway on Saturday.

Clyde Morgan has been ill this week with an injury to his hand. Donald Christie, superintendent of schools, of Bethel, was in town on Friday.

Mrs. Stanley Hakala is better from her recent illness.

The skating is excellent and many have been enjoying it this week.

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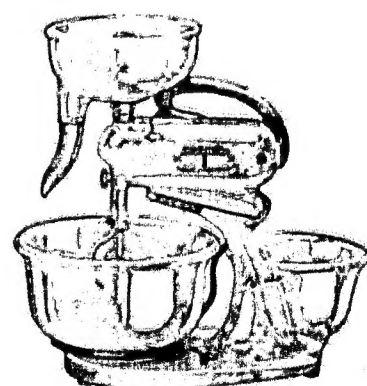
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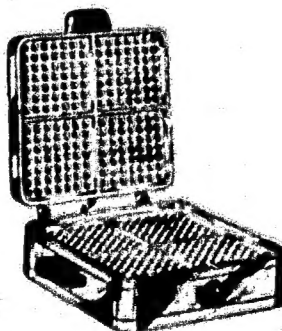
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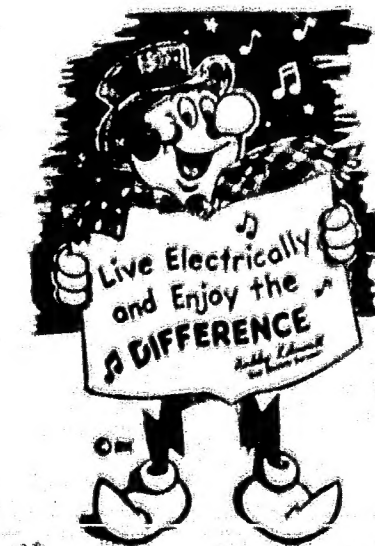
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Two Pullman Porters

by George Peck

Dickens wrote his "Tale of Two Cities" but this is a short, short story of two Pullman porters whom we encountered some time ago on a hurried trip from New York to a distant city and return.

Porter, number one, was Lord and master of the car which carried us from New York. He was friendly, cooperative and most solicitous of our comfort. He made our journey a pleasant one—an extra pillow on the bed in case we wished to prop ourselves up while reading ourselves to sleep—as the upper bed was not being used, he hauled down the mattress and put it on the lower bed for our greater sleeping comfort—he put our hat in a paper bag for its protection—in the morning we found our shoes resplendently shined instead of the customary daub and smear. All these things and a dozed others he did beyond what was required of him by his boss—the Pullman Company. Net result—he got a generous tip.

By strange coincidence we drew the same car and the very same room for the return journey to New York but not the same porter. Here we met porter, number two. This fellow didn't even perform the duties assigned to him by the Pullman Company. Desiring to turn in, we rang several times for him, to come to make up our bed. Getting no response, finally we called on the conductor for help who found the porter asleep in one of the vacant rooms. Apparently he resented for he made up our bed in a slovenly manner — no thought of double mattress or an extra pillow and in the morning our shoes were a mess. Net result—he got a very small tip.

Now here were two men, working for the same company, in the same identical location, with the same tools and equipment. One cheerfully performed the duties required of him, plus the other shirked his responsibilities with no thought of extras. Both had equal opportunities.

We will wager a ten-gallon Stetson against your last summer's straw hat that porter, number one, owns a nice little home somewhere; has a fine wife and family; that his children are well fed and clothed and are getting a good education; that he has a nest-egg laid by in a savings bank and has an equity in life insurance; and that he is an asset to the community in which he lives.

We would also like to bet a hundred dollar bill against a plugged nickel that porter, number two, if married, has his wife and family domiciled in wretched quarters; that they are poorly fed and clothed; and that he has nothing put aside for a rainy day or old age. No doubt, he is envious of his fellows, complains bitterly of his lot and harangues bitterly against the inequalities and unfairness of the American system.

Two men on the same job, enjoying equal opportunity, one prospering, the other a failure. Yet, there are those who suggest that this thrifty fellow be penalized by giving a part of his well-deserved gains to the undeserving manager. Our opinion is that this is wrong. What do you think about it?

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"They say" that a car has been parked near the corner of Spring and Main Streets several evenings — so near that it is sometimes in line with the sidewalk besides making visibility poor for cars turning the corner. Remember, this column is no longer trying to reform the town's driving habits.

The sand barrels and shovels have again been placed in several places around the village where motorists are likely to have trouble on icy streets. This practice was started last winter and evidently was appreciated.

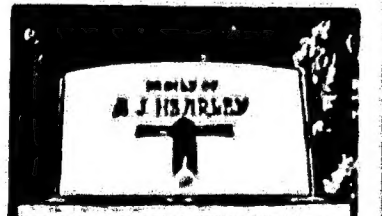
The practice of "jacking" deer is believed to account for at least one in every ten deer killed in Maine. Like many practices which remain contrary to law year after year it is difficult to catch the guilty ones and make convictions. Public opinion should be strong enough so that the average good citizen would be far above such unsportsmanlike actions. However, it seems that people who are generally accepted as respectable will condone and even follow this dangerous, cruel and illegal "sport."

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Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Frank A. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Byron Abbott, were injured when their car overturned after skidding on ice in Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chamberlin closed their store, planning to spend some time in Florida.

Mrs. Annie Young, who had been confined several months with a broken hip, was taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. Wormell, at Portland.

Deaths — John E. Stephens, Mrs. Louisa Willard, Nelson Week.

20 YEARS AGO

Donors' Day exercises were held at William Bingham Gymnasium. In the program was a one-act play, "Rose of Plymouth," with a cast including Hazel Mosher, Daniel Wight, Addison Saunders, Leona Brown, and Frances Bean.

The thermometer was below zero several mornings. Gould Academy defeated Andover High School, 74-10. Jimmy Alger led Gould with 23 points.

Deaths: Mrs. Eliza Spinney, George M. Filstead.

40 YEARS AGO

The farm homes of Thomas Poole and Calvin Cummings on the Valley Road were burned.

At a Thanksgiving entertainment at the Newry school, where Miss Grace Kendall was teacher, the following pupils took part: Lester, Leon and Elsie Enman, Bertha and Mabel Bailey, Agnes Frost, Alice and Selma Smith.

John S. Allen died of injuries received when he was kicked in the head by a horse.

NEIGHBORLINESS

Not too far from your home there lives on a farm a good worker whose dwelling is a temporary shelter. The foundation of the new home is laid and the structure is rising. Until it is ready, however, this gentleman's harvest of potatoes—a goodly yield—needed a good storage place, lest it become frozen in winter weather, or, as he put it, "They'll be hard as rocks!" Realizing the need, one who lives nearby offered the use of his cellar. This offer was gratefully accepted, and the harvest is safe.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. Ernest Smith, Pastor
9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning worship service. Sermon theme—"The Book That Tells the Christmas Story."

The Sunday School will observe Universal Bible Sunday with special exercises at the Sunday School hour and also during the morning service.

6:30 Youth Fellowship.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister
Morning Worship 11:00.

The Church School meets Sunday at 9:30.

The combined Glee Clubs of Gould Academy, under the direction of Miss Ann Griggs, will present Joseph Clokey's cantata, "The Child Jesus," Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30. Mrs. Elwood Ireland will be the organist.

"Freedom from Fear" will be the third in a series of sermons on the Prophet Micah to be preached by the Pastor Sunday morning at the regular hour of worship.

A Christmas Party will be held by the members of the Ladies Club at their regular meeting on Thursday Dec. 15, at 2:30 in the Chapel.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

The subject for Dec. 11 is "God the Preserver of Man." Golden Text: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it" (Isaiah 31:5).

Mrs. Robert G. Murphy of Bethel, a son, Patrick Jay.

MARRIED

In West Paris, Nov. 28, by Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes, Edmond Dorion and LaVaughn Langley, both of Bucksport.

DIED

In Bethel, Nov. 20, Mrs. Bessie Billings, wife of Everett Billings, aged 65 years.

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DORION - LANGLEY

Edmond Dorion and LaVaughn Langley, both of Bucksport, were married at West Paris, Nov. 28, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes. They were attended by the bridegroom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earline Faine of Bethel.

Mr. Dorion is the son of Mrs. Ruth Dorion of Bethel, and the late Edmond Dorion. He was graduated from Gould Academy in 1946 and is employed by the St. Regis Paper Company at Bucksport. Mrs. Dorion, the daughter of Albert Grindle of Bucksport, is a graduate of Bucksport High School in the class of 1944.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the groom's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Truitt, at Bethel. The couple are living at Bucksport.

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